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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH


FOR THE

URBAN DISTRICT

OF

Thurstonland and Farnley Tyas

FOR 1937.



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Thurstonland and Farnley Tyas Urban District Council.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year 1937.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit to you my Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1937.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

AREA.—Thurstonland, 2,107 acres; Farnley Tyas, 1,784 acres; total is 3,891 acres.

POPULATION.—The Registrar General's estimate of the resident population is 3,742.

The total number of inhabited houses is 478.

The rateable value of the amalgamated districts is £19,794. The sum represented by a Penny Rate is £80.

Social Conditions.

The district is chiefly agricultural and the farms provide employment for part of the population. The Mental Institution employs a number of people in various capacities. Others are employed in the neighbouring town of Huddersfield and in the mills and workshops of surrounding villages.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	Total	M.	F.
LIVE BIRTHS—			
Legitimate	17	5	12
Illegitimate	2	2	0

	Total	M.	F.
STILL BIRTHS	0	0	0

This gives a birth rate of approximately 5.8 per 1,000 of the resident population. The birth rate for England and Wales is 14.9 per 1,000 population.

	Total	M.	F.
DEATHS	47	28	19

This gives a death rate of approximately 11.2 per 1,000 population. The death rate for England and Wales is 12.4 per 1,000.

The total number of deaths given above is made up as follows:

	Total.	M.	F.
Thurstonland... ..	14	7	7
Farnley Tyas	6	4	2
"No fixed abode"	26	17	9
Inward Transfers (Thurstonland)	0	0	0
Inward Transfers (Farnley Tyas)	1	0	1
	47	28	19

There were no deaths from disease and accidents of pregnancy and childbirth.

There were two deaths under one year of age.

The actual number of deaths in the district during the year was 267, 246 of these having occurred in Storthes Hall Mental Hospital, and being outward transfers to other districts.

The actual number of deaths for the district is, therefore, according to the following table.

	Under 1 year	1 to 10 yrs.	10 to 25 yrs.	25 to 45 yrs.	45 to 65 yrs.	Over 65 yrs.	
	..	..	..	1	4	5	
	..	..	..	..	..	10	
	..	..	..	..	1	1	
	..	..	..	..	2	4	
	..	..	..	..	1	2	
	..	..	..	..	3	:	
	:	
	:	
	..	..	..	..	2	:	
	..	..	..	..	2	2	
	2	0	0	8	13	24	
All Ages.	10	10	4	6	4	3	
	1	1	2	6			
	1	1	2	6			
	2	6					
	47						
CAUSE OF DEATH.							
Heart Disease							
Senility							
Cancer.....							
Cerebral Thrombosis.....							
Pneumonia.....							
Pulmonary Tuberculosis							
Accident... ..							
Congenital Causes.....							
General Paralysis of Insane.....							
Other Defined Causes							
Totals.....							

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

1—Public Health Officers of the Authority.

(a) Medical.—The Medical Officer of Health is a part-time official, also carrying out the duties of District Medical Officer under the Local Public Assistance Committee and Public Vaccinator.

(b) Others.—The Sanitary Inspector, who holds the certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water.

See below. (Sanitary Inspector's table).

Drainage and Sewerage.

This matter is dealt with in the Sanitary Inspector's Report, which I append herewith.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1937.

Nuisance Inspections.

The total number of nuisance inspections (not including Housing Inspections) was 71. Twenty-one nuisances were found, and these were remedied in consequence of informal notices or interviews. At the end of the year there were nine nuisances still requiring attention by owners.

Sanitary Accommodation.

There has been no extension to the sewerage system during the year. The district is well sewered, although there are 113 houses not yet connected to the sewers, but these include farm houses and cottages situate at a considerable distance from the main sewer. I regret to state that notwithstanding repeated efforts with owners, particulars of which have been given to you in my monthly reports, there has only been one privy converted to the water carriage system during the year.

Scavenging.

No change has been made in this department, the refuse being disposed of partly by tipping and partly to farmers.

Water Supply.

The Batley Corporation supply and distribute water in the Brockholes district. The Urban District Council purchase in bulk from the Huddersfield Corporation and distribute in the Thurstonland area. The Earl of Dartmouth's estate supplies the major portion of the Farnley Tyas district with water from deep wells and springs, the supply being augmented as occasion demands from the Huddersfield Corporation's mains. No samples have been taken for analysis during the year. Three hundred and forty-nine houses in the district have a public water supply.

Milk and Dairies.

There are 45 cowkeepers, of whom 41 are registered. The bulk of the milk produced goes to the adjoining County Borough of Huddersfield. The approximate number of milk cows in the district is 480. One hundred and seventy-three inspections of cowsheds have been made, and the improvement in the structural conditions of the cowsheds which were reported upon last year has been well maintained. Improved lighting and ventilation have been provided, and concrete floors constructed at most of the farms. The number of "accredited" milk producers in the district remains at three, as last year, although in my opinion many more could qualify at little expense.

Slaughterhouses.

The slaughterhouse at Farnley Tyas has been visited weekly and visits have been made to the other slaughterhouses as required. There were no diseased carcasses found in the course of inspection.

Housing.

Housing inspections are contained in Table "D" submitted by your Medical Officer.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Councillors,
Your obedient servant,

H. PARKINSON,
Sanitary Inspector.

TABLE "C."

Details of this are dealt with in the Sanitary Inspector's Report.

Schools.

The sanitary conditions of the schools are good.

TABLE "D."
HOUSING STATISTICS.

1--Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year:—

(1) a—Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	67
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	81
(2) a—Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above), which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations	0
(b)—Number of inspections made for the purpose	0
(3) Number of dwelling-houses needing further action	11
(a) Number considered to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ...	1
(b) Number (excluding those in sub-head (3) (a) above) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	10

2—Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	13
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3—Action under Statutory Powers.

(A) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:—	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	0
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	0
(a) By owners	0
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	0
(B) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:	
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	0
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	0
(a) By owners	0
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	0

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:—

(1) Number of representations, etc., made in respect of dwelling-houses unfit for habitation	0
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	0
(3) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders...	0
(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:—	
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	0
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms, the Closing Orders in respect of which were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	0

4—Unhealthy Areas.

Have any areas been declared Clearance Areas during the year 1937? If so, please give full particulars as to such, including situation, number of houses, population, action taken relative thereto: No.

5—Number of new houses erected during 1937.

(b) By the Local Authority	4
(b) By private enterprise	0
Total	4

6—Housing Conditions.

(1) Total number of houses in the district	480
(2) Number of working-class houses included in the above	425
(3) General observations as to housing conditions, overcrowding, and shortage of houses: There is no serious shortage.	
(4) Any special activity in house building? If so, where, : No.	
(5) Any housing scheme projected by Local Authority? If so, please give particulars: Fifteen houses are in course of erection and a further 40 or 50 are contemplated.	
(6) Any regulations made in respect of underground sleeping rooms under Section 12, Housing Act, 1936?: No.	

7—Town Planning.

- (1) Is the Council a member of any Regional Town Planning Committee? If so, which?: No.
- (2) Is a Town Planning Scheme in force for—
 - (a) The whole of the District?: No.
 - (b) Part of the District?
- (3) Have Council during 1937 passed a resolution decided to prepare a Town Planning Scheme? If so, does it relate to—
 - (a) Whole District?
 - (b) Part of District?

8—Name and address of Officer designated to make inspections under the Housing Consolidated Regulations:

Harry Parkinson,
Council Offices, .
Honley.

9.—Has any action been taken to improve the housing conditions of tuberculous families in your District, either by way of building new or special houses, or the granting of special facilities for such families to be housed? If so, please state action taken?: No.

10—Housing Act, 1936—Part IV— Overcrowding.

- (a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year 3
- (2) Number of families dwelling therein 3
- (3) Number of persons dwelling therein—18 over 10 years, 7 under 10 years.
- (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year 0
- (c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year 3
- (2) Number of persons concerned in such cases—23 over 10 years, 7 under 10 years.
- (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding 0
- (e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report: No.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

General.

The district during 1937, on the whole, was free from any serious epidemics of infectious disease.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1937.

DISEASE.	Cases in the District.				Total.
	Scarlet Fever	Typhoid Fever	Pneumonia	Erysipelas	
1	1	1	3	1	6
2	1	1	3	1	6
3	1	1	3	1	6
4	1	1	3	1	6
5	1	1	3	1	6
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97	1	1	3	1	6
98	1	1	3	1	6
99	1	1	3	1	6
100	1	1	3	1	6
TOTALS	1	1	3	1	6

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

There were no cases notified.

**TUBERCULOSIS (New Cases and Mortality
during 1937.**

Age Periods.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Thurstonland and Farnley Tyas—	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..
Storthes Hall—	4	6	..	1	2	1	..	..

No action was taken during the year under the Public Health Prevention of (Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The year under review has been healthy and I have nothing further to report.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

MICHAEL MOORHOUSE DEY,
Medical Officer of Health.

